

TRIBUTE TO FIRE CHIEF ROBERT GIORGIO

• Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to a brave human being. Robert Giorgio is the Fire Chief in the town of Cherry Hill, New Jersey. In April of last year Chief Giorgio put himself in harm's way and performed honorably in the face of danger.

It was April 3, 2002, and Chief Giorgio was in his office when he heard reports of a vehicle that had crashed over a highway overpass on a State highway in Cherry Hill. Although not required to respond to the incident, Chief Giorgio chose to do so.

When Chief Giorgio arrived on the scene he saw that the car was suspended about five feet above the ground, just barely held in place by a small tree. There was also a fire from the engine compartment that was spreading into the interior of the car. The driver, Deborah Trainor, was pinned behind the steering wheel.

Chief Giorgio gave orders to arriving firefighters and directed civilians to use portable fire extinguishers. He quickly realized that the units dispatched by the fire department would not reach the scene by the time the fire reached Ms. Trainor. Understanding the gravity of the situation Chief Giorgio placed himself beneath the vehicle in an attempt to free her. To say that there was a serious chance of the car falling on the Chief is a severe understatement. Though Ms. Trainor was burned by the fire, Chief Giorgio was successful in freeing her from the car.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and saluting this brave American. Chief Robert Giorgio acted with honor and bravery in putting himself in harm's way to save another person's life.●

SSGT. PHILLIP A. JORDAN

• Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to SSgt. Phillip A. Jordan, United States Marine Corps, of Enfield, CT. Staff Sergeant Jordan lived as a true patriot and defender of our great Nation's principles of freedom and justice. A veteran of Operation Desert Storm in the Persian Gulf and Operation Just Cause in Kosovo, Staff Sergeant Jordan was a proud family man and an example of the powerful American spirit that permeates this Nation's history.

A member of the 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade, Staff Sergeant Jordan and his unit were ambushed when Iraqi soldiers feigned surrender before opening fire. By the time the dust settled around this despicable and cowardly act, nine gallant marines, including Staff Sergeant Jordan, were dead.

Staff Sergeant Jordan was more than a marine. He was a husband and a father; he was devoted to his friends and to his family. He was known as "Gump" by those who knew and loved him. He quickly offered a hand wher-

ever and whenever needed. Staff Sergeant Jordan was a true citizen soldier—a model marine, and a credit to his family, his community, his corps, and his country.

Staff Sergeant Jordan served as a messenger of high justice and idealism in the best tradition of American principles and patriotism. I am both proud and grateful that we have the kind of fighting force exemplified by Staff Sergeant Jordan serving in the Persian Gulf—and the strong families back at home sending their love and support.

Our Nation extends its heartfelt condolences to his wife Amanda and his son Tyler. We extend our appreciation for sharing this outstanding marine with us, and we offer our prayers and support. You may be justifiably proud of his contributions which extend above and beyond the normal call of duty.●

TRIBUTE TO VINCENT BOVE

• Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to a truly extraordinary citizen of New Jersey and America. Vincent Bove is the region manager for Summit Security Services, Inc. His region covers the New York metropolitan area and his more than 2,000 officers secure sites including NBC Studios, JFK International Airport, and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Prior to September 11, 2001, Summit Security had 300 officers at the World Trade Center, many of whom assisted with the evacuation of the two towers.

Mr. Bove is also a nationally acclaimed expert on school violence in America. Since the Columbine tragedy in 1999, Mr. Bove has given presentations to over 15,000 educators, corporate representatives, and law enforcement officials. He also trained 100 New York Police Department Crime Prevention Specialists in advanced techniques of crime prevention and community policing.

Recently, the American Police Hall of Fame conferred five nationally acclaimed medals to Vincent Bove, including the Medal of Honor for Public Service for outstanding leadership skills in reducing crime and assisting law enforcement throughout the United States; the J. Edgar Hoover Gold Medal for his leadership in police and private security issues as a nationally respected law enforcement instructor; the Knights of Justice Medal for his outstanding service exemplifying the Biblical Act of the Good Samaritan in protecting the community; the Patriotism Medal for promoting faithfulness to the Federal, State, and local laws and for supporting the Constitution and Bill of Rights; and the Civilian Medal of Appreciation for leadership in private security, which assists law enforcement officers.

He was also named the North Jersey Regional Crime Prevention Officers Association Recipient for "Exceptional

Service to Crime Prevention for 2002." This award recognizes Mr. Bove for his achievements in the reduction of crime on both a local and national level. The same organization also recognized Mr. Bove with the 2002 "Presidential Award for Dedicated Service" for his service to the organization and the community.

Vincent Bove is an amazing individual. He dedicates his life to making his fellow citizens and communities safer and more secure. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring Vincent Bove for his sense of duty, determination, and dedication in making our country a safer and more secure place to live.●

JEAN HOEFER TOAL SALUTED FOR BRINGING INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY TO SOUTH CAROLINA COURTS

• Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, Jean Hoefer Toal, Chief Justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court, has just been recognized by Government Technology Magazine as one of the top 25 leaders from across the Nation who has done the most to bring technology to the public sector. I rise today to congratulate her.

We are a small State, much of it rural, and she has been the guiding force for linking the judicial courts in all 46 counties. She is making the county courts, all with their own cases and business, into a truly unified court system so that cases can be managed all across the jurisdictions. After September 11, the Nation saw the importance of a well-connected criminal justice system, and I am proud that my State is leading the way with automation. I know everyone in this body joins me in thanking Chief Justice Toal for bringing this about.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:57 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 825. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located